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Man Sentenced to 19 Years for Hitting Pedestrian While Fleeing Highway Patrol

A man was sentenced today to 19 years in state prison after pleading guilty to hitting a pedestrian during a car chase, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Moises Anthony Salais (dob 4/20/88) of Los Angeles pleaded guilty to one felony count of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury. He also admitted allegations of a prior felony conviction in 2013 of assault with a firearm as part of the negotiated plea agreement.

Judge David R. Fields immediately sentenced Salais to prison. A restitution hearing is scheduled for June 13 in Department 32 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Jeff Megee said Salais was driving a vehicle on Feb. 20 when California Highway Patrol officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop off the 60 Freeway at Indiana and Third streets in East Los Angeles.

Salais fled the scene, striking a pedestrian at Velasco and Second streets and then hitting a parked vehicle a block away, the prosecutor said. Salais exited the vehicle and fled on foot until authorities arrested him.

The pedestrian suffered broken ribs in the collision.

The California Highway Patrol investigated case BA465786.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.